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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT UNDERSTANDING

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1. EMBASSY HAS HELD NUMEROUS MEETINGS WITH DAC AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS IN EFFORT TO FINALIZE UNDERSTANDING. ALTHOUGH THE ECUADOREAN PARTICIPANTS ARE CLEARLY AS EAGER AS WE TO ACHIEVE FINALIZATION, AT EACH MEETING THEY HAVE BELATEDLY DISCOVERED SOME ASPECT OF THE FORM OR TEXT OF THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ONE OR THE OTHER OF THEM WISHES TO CHANGES. FURTHERMORE, THERE HAS BEEN MUCH UNCERTAINTY IN THEIR COUNCILS AS TO WHETHER THE UNDERSTANDING SHOULD BE DONE IN THE FORM OF AN EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT OR AS AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES; WE HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR THE LATTER ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD BE MORE EXPEDITIOUS. ON DECEMBER 24, WE CAME TO THE FOLLOWING MEETING OF MINDS:

A. THE UNDERSTANDING IS TO BE EFFECTED THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

B. TARGET DATE FOR THE EXCHANGE IS DECEMBER 30--A TARGET WHICH WILL BE SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO MEET, BECAUSE OF THE CONSIDERABLE TYPING AND RETYPING (SEE BELOW) TO BE DONE, DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, DURING WHICH

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ONLY ONE WORKING DAY REMAINS BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER 30.

CM. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY TO SUPPLY A TRANSLATION INTO SPANISH OF ANNEX B (THE SPECIMEN PERMIT FOR ECUATORIANA). THE TRANSLATION WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES PER SE, BUT RATHER WOULD BE AN INFORMAL AID TO THE MINISTRY'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNDERSTANDING.

D. THE MINISTRY HAS POINTED OUT CERTAIN MINOR GRAMMATICAL ERRORS IN THE SPANISH VERSION OF THE UNDERSTANDING (E.G. PLURAL SUBJECTS WITH VERBS IN THE SIGNULAR FORM).

E. MINISTRY HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY TO DO ALL THE NECESSARY TYPING AND RETYPING OF THE UNDERSTANDING AND ITS ANNEXES.

2. LOCAL BRANIFF REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND PROSPECTS.
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